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The International Secretariat of OMCT requests yours **URGENT** intervention in the following situation in **East Timor**.

Brief description of the situation:
The International Secretariat has been informed by reliable sources of the alleged arrest and disappearance of **Santina Morreira Belo**, aged 22 and her baby (under one year of age). **Mrs Santina Belo** is from the hamlet of Defadae in Makalaku village, Quelicai sub-district.

Mrs Santina Belo was allegedly arrested on 12 July 1997 by the members of Koppasus (Special forces Command), the police and Team Saka (East Timorese who have been recruited by the Indonesian army). The reason for **Mrs Santina Belo's** arrest is unknown; however according to the information received, it may be related to an intensive military operation in the sub-district, Quelicai of East Timor because of an attack by the armed East Timorese resistance.

The International Secretariat feels grave concern over the arrest and disappearance of **Mrs Santina Belo** and her baby and fears that they may be at heightened risk of torture and ill-treatment, especially since their wherabouts are unknown.

Action requested:
Please write to the authorities of Indonesia urging them to:

i. immediately locate the whereabouts of **Mrs Santina Belo** and her baby, inform the family and guarantee their physical and psychological integrity;

ii. order the immediate release of **Mrs Santina Belo** and her baby if she is detained without valid charges against her or, if such charges exist, bring **Mrs Santina Belo** before a competent and impartial tribunal and guarantee her full procedural rights;

iii. guarantee an impartial and exhaustive enquiry into these incidents, identify those responsible, bring them to trial, and apply the penal, civil, and/or administrative sanctions provided by law;

iv. ensure in all circumstances respect for Human rights and fundamental freedoms in accordance with national laws and international standards;

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Geneva, 28 July 1997
Kindly inform us of any action undertaken quoting the code of this appeal in your reply.